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Applicants: Akane TAKEMURA et al. Confirmation: 3246
Serial No.: 09/926,697 Group Art Unit: 3626
Filed: April 5, 2002 Examiner: R. Porter
For: Risk reduction table, method for creating the same, risk care set including risk reduction table, and risk care business system

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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August 17, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2007, Applicants hereby elect wih traverse Group II, claims 47-52, drawn to education and demonstration of subject matter relating to the care of teeth, for initial prosecution on the merits, Applicants reserving the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims at a later date if so desired.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. According to MPEP 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine the application on its merits, even if it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. In the present situation, all claimed subject matter was considered in a previous Office Action. For at least this reason, no serious burden is imposed on the Examiner who should, pursuant to the MPEP, examine the entire application on its merits.

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In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary during prosecution, Applicants hereby request any required extension of time not otherwise requested and hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any required fee not otherwise paid, including application processing, extension, and extra claims fees, to Deposit Account 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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